[*English*]

Private Nursing Homes for Treatment of CGHS Beneficiaries

3311. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA:
SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the hospitals and private nursing homes recognised for treatment of the Central Government employees under C. G. H. Scheme in Bangalore city;

(b) whether there is any proposal to recognise some more private nursing homes in Bangalore city for the treatment of Central Government employees under the Central Government Health Scheme and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). All State Government/Municipal Hospitals and the following four autonomous Institutes at Bengalore city are recognised for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries:–

(i) NIMHANS.

(ii) Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology.

(iii) Shri Jayadevi Institute of Cardiology.

(iv) Sanjay Gandhi Accident and Rehabilitation Centre.

No Private Nursing Home has been recognised for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries due to financial constraint.

Vikroli-Turbhe and Bmaby-Kalyan-Rahure Rail Lines

3312. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for construction of railway lines from Vikroli to Turbhe and Bombay-Kalyan-Murbad-Rahure sections are pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which proposals stands at present; and

(c) the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). (i) Bombay-Kalyan is already an existing rail line and passenger services run thereon.

(ii) There is , at present, no approved proposal for construction of Vikroli-turbhe and Kalyan- Murbad- Rahure new railway lines.

[*Translation*]

Conservation of Santhal and Paharia Literature

3313. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institution in Bihar working of the conservation of ancient literature of Santhals and Pahariya;

(b) whether the Government provided adequate assistance to these institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are no Central Government Institutions in Bihar working for the conservation of ancient literature of Santhals and Pahariya.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Statutory Status to National Council for Teachers Education

3314. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give statutory status to the National Cuncil for Teachers Education; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, in view of the provisions made in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, and Programme of Action (POA) prepared for implementation of NPE. The NPE state 'National Council for Teacher Education will be provided the necessary resources and capability to accredit institutions of teacher education and provide guidance regarding curricula and methods." The POA prepared for implementation of NPE states that "NCTE has not been able to guide the system of Teacher Education. Some of the difficulties are inherent in its constitution. To remedy this, it will be conferred autonomous and statutory status."

It is, therefore, proposed to confer statutory status on the National Council for Teacher Education, inter-alia,

(a) to create mechanism for determination and maintenance of standards of Teacher Education;

(b) to regulate institutions of teacher education with a view to phasing-out-sub-standard malpractising institutions;

(c) to lay emphasis on continuing education of teachers;

(d) to reduce the gap between supply and demand of trained personnel.

[*Translation*]

Computer Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3315. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to impart computer education in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is to be imparted through some private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the conditions therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). Excepting the CLASS (Computer Literacy Awareness Scheme for Schools) there are no other Computer Courses in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However some computer firms have offered a scheme of computer literacy to Kendriya Vidyalaya students on a voluntary basis.

Under the scheme in the premises of Kendriya Vidyalays after class hours, com-